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FPPC honors outgoing commissioners

At its monthly meeting Monday (March 21), the Fair Political Practices Commission will honor outgoing FPPC commissioners Thomas Knox and Pamela Karlan. Knox, appointed by Secretary of State Bill Jones in 2001, is a partner in the Sacramento law firm of Knox, Lemmon and Anapolsky. Karlan, who was appointed by state Controller Steve Westly in 2003, is the Kenneth and Harle Montgomery professor of public interest law at Stanford University.

The business portion of the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the FPPC's eighth-floor hearing room at 428 J St. (Fifth and J Streets) in Sacramento. At 9:15, the commission will host a reception for the outgoing commissioners.

Newly appointed commissioners A. Eugene Huguenin and Ray Remy will attend their first commission meeting Monday. Huguenin, a Sacramento attorney, was appointed in February by then-Secretary of State Kevin Shelley. Remy, president of RR Consulting of South Pasadena and a former director of the state Employment Development Department, was appointed by Controller Westly last month.

At the meeting, the commission will discuss amendments to regulations of the Political Reform Act that govern whether a governmental decision has a "disqualifying financial effect" on a public official, or a member of his or her immediate family.

The proposed amendments would prohibit a public official from appointing a member of his or her family to a position that affects the public official's personal finances, and would preclude a public official from setting a "unique" salary for a member of the official's immediate family.

The commission will also consider adopting amendments to the "gift cluster" regulations used to determine the value of attending certain events. The amendments would define "face value" and would set new rules for gifts of tickets to non-profit events.

In other business, the commission will discuss whether it will issue an opinion concerning San Francisco's ranked-choice voting system. The opinion would address whether the prohibition on independent expenditures by candidate-controlled committees should apply to candidate-sponsored mailings that urge voters to rank candidates in a particular order.

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The commission also will consider a number of other agenda items, including a variety of proposed enforcement actions.

The agenda is posted on the FPPC website at: *www.fppc.ca.gov*. Click on “Agendas” on the left side of the home page, and go to “Current Agenda.” For more information about a particular agenda item, including enforcement stipulations, orders and exhibits and legal memoranda and supporting documents, go to “Agendas” on the web site, then to “Current Agenda,” then click on the links in the agenda items.

Letters responding to items on the agenda after it was posted on the website 10 days prior to the meeting can be found at the top of the agenda on the website.

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